(c) what was the outcome of the discusions and what follow-up action has been taken by the two countries to help resolve the issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Both Jordan and India viewed with concern the continuing Palestinian problem and the Iran-Iraq war. India and Jordan endorse the proposal for a UN sponsored international conference to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian problem. They also support the implementation of UNSCR 598 as a means to end the Iran-Iraq war. The two Governments remain in contact with a view to promoting settlements of these issues.

Prime Minister's visit to Yugoslavia

1195. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Yugoslavia both the countries gave a call to restore the primacy of the United Nations and to reorientate and to attune Non-Aliged Movement to changing situations;

(b) if so, what precise modifications in the role and actibn programme of the NAM were contemplated to attune it to what was called "changing situations" and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions are under way to strengthen and to re-orient the NAM in an attempt to amake it more purposeful and relevant in the context of the rapidly changing international scenario. An exercise is being undertaken on how to make the Action Programme short, concise and concrete.

To this end, intensive consultations are being undertaken with other NAM countries.

Prime Minsiter's recent visit to Syria

1196. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Syria, the Prime Minister and his team discussed with Syrian counterparts the question of implementation of the Geneva Accord in the context of interference by Pakistan by way of arming and training Mujahidians for engineering insurgency in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, what was the stand of Syrian authorities in this regard; and

(c) what agreement, if any, was reached between India and Syria for ensuring proper implementation of the Afghan accord (Geneva Accord) and establishing peace and stability in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K K. TEWARY): (a) Yes Sir. During Prime Minister's visit to Syria the situation in Afghanistan was among the international issues on which there was an exchange of views.